

**JOINT BOARD MEETING
MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY, PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING
AND SOCIAL WORK EXAMINING BOARD(MPSW)
MINUTES
August 2, 2005**

PRESENT: LaMarr Franklin, Evelyn Pumphrey, Susan Putra, Leslie Mirkin,
Linda Schwallie, Mary Jo Walsh, Eric Alvin Bruce Kuehl,
and Ada Williams-Parr

EXCUSED: Ann Marie Starr, George Kamps, and Abe Rabinowitz

STAFF PRESENT: Jeff Scanlan, Director of Health Service Professions;
Jacquelynn Rothstein, Legal Counsel; Gina York, Bureau Assistant,
Division of Enforcement staff and others during portions of the meeting

GUESTS: Joseph D'Costa, DWD/DVR

CALL TO ORDER

Linda Schwallie called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. There was a quorum of nine members.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Additions to the Agenda:

None.

MOTION: Susan Putra moved, seconded by Ada Williams-Parr, to
approve the agenda as written. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 3, 2005

Amendments to the Minutes:

None.

MOTION: Ada Williams-Parr moved, seconded by LaMarr Franklin, to
approve the May 3, 2005 minutes as written. Motion carried
unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Jeff Scanlan, Director of Health Service Professions, informed the Board that new DRL Secretary, Celia Jackson, would be coming in shortly to speak with the MPSW Joint Board. He also shared that a replacement for Christopher Klein, the former Executive Assistant, has been appointed and his name is Larry Martin. The building renovations are continuing and should be completed in the fall of 2005. The budget has been signed by the Governor and the attorney consolidation will not occur. The Boards will keep their Legal Counsel staff. The AODA Counselors will be coming to DRL in 2006, there will be a Board developed and members will be appointed by the Secretary.

INTRODUCTION TO SECRETARY CELIA JACKSON

Jeff Scanlan, Director of Health Service Professions, introduced the new DRL Secretary, Celia Jackson, to the MPSW Joint Board. Secretary Jackson shared that she has been with the Department for three months, and wanted to meet with all Examining Boards and its members, to discuss any suggestions or input on ways the Department can assist them. The Board asked about the filling of vacancies and whether reappointment of those members whose terms will soon expire. This request will be explored by the Department. Secretary Jackson thanked the Board for all of its fine work and is looking forward to working together and emphasized her open door policy.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RELATING TO RECORDKEEPING BY MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS, PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS, AND SOCIAL WORKERS

A public hearing was held today at 9:30 a.m. on August 2, 2005 regarding the administrative rules regarding recordkeeping by the MFT's, PC,s, and SW's. Joseph D'Costa, DWD/DVR, present at this hearing sharing support and clarification on an area of the language regarding the definition of one week. There was no opposition at this hearing. Pamela Haack will move these rules forward in the rulemaking process.

APPROVAL OF THE 2006 MEETING DATES

The Section reviewed the 2006 meeting dates at today's meeting and took the following action.

MOTION: Leslie Mirkin moved, seconded by Eric Alvin, to approve the 2006 meeting dates as provided at the 08-02-05 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

SUMMARY REPORTS ON PENDING COURT CASES, DISCIPLINARY CASES AND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES AND PRESS RELEASES

Jacquelynn Rothstein, Legal Counsel, reviewed the summary reports and was available for question by the Board.

STATUS OF RULES AND STATUTES

Jacquelynn Rothstein, Legal Counsel, provided an update regarding the status of pending rules related to the MPSW Joint Board at today's meeting.

CR 05-043 REVIEW OF CLEARINGHOUSE COMMENTS

Jacquelynn Rothstein, Legal Counsel, reviewed clearinghouse comments regarding CR 05-043 at today's meeting. The Board discussed the comments and then took the following action.

MOTION: Eric Alvin moved, seconded by Evelyn Pumphrey, to file rule CR 05-043 with the legislature after the deadline date for written comments, August 12, 2005. Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION AND NEXT STEPS REGARDING PSYCHOMETRIC TESTING

At the last meeting, MPSW Board members shared with Jacquelynn Rothstein, Legal Counsel, and Jeff Scanlan, Director of Health Service Professions, information on the background surrounding psychometric testing moving from certification to licensure. In the past, the Joint Board had consulted with the Psychology Board and made recommendations while working on this issue and dealing with the impact of Act 80 but recommendations were rejected. Jeff Scanlan shared with the Board that this issue is of interest to all Sections of the Joint Board, and there are specific issues on this topic and rule making process which need to move forward with the Psychology Board. Mr. Scanlan informed members that Don Crowder, Chair of the Psychology Examining Board, would be open to meeting in a collaborative effort with representatives from each Section of this Board. The Joint Board would welcome the opportunity to meet with Chair Crowder and they discussed possible options and timeframes for this to occur. Upon completion of the discussion, the Board took the following action.

MOTION: Susan Putra moved, seconded by Mary Jo Walsh, that the MPSW Joint Board invite a representative of the Psychology Board to come to the November 1, 2005 meeting; in hopes of determining an action plan which collaboratively addresses the psychometric testing issue. If that is not possible, the Chair of each Section of the MPSW Joint Board will designate a representative to meet with the representative of the Psychology Board at an alternative time. Motion carried unanimously.

DHFS REWRITE OF THE RULES PERTAINING TO OUTPATIENT PSYCHOTHERAPY CLINICS

The MPSW Joint Board discussed the issue of the formation of a task force by DHFS to rewrite the rules pertaining to outpatient psychotherapy clinics. The Social Work Section wanted to ensure there would be input as this relates to the variance created under Wisconsin Statutes 457.02 (6) (b)(2) and wanted it to be brought to the MPSW Joint Board's attention so all Sections would be aware of this issue. The Department has submitted staff names to be included on the taskforce and is waiting for a response at this time. Mark Hale informed the Department that Dan Zimmerman is the individual who will be re-writing these rules. Mr. Scanlan will keep the Board abreast of important issues or concerns as they arise.

DISCUSSION OF CE SELF STUDY HOURS AND CORRESPONDENCE FROM NASW

The Board discussed the topic and issues surrounding CE self-study hours. They reviewed correspondence sent by NASW to the SW Section recommending an increase in the maximum number of self-study CE hours be increased from five hours to ten hours. This information was noted by all Sections at today's meeting.

REVIEW OF THE REGULATORY DIGEST

The Board reviewed the latest version of their regulatory digest at today's meeting. There were some additional revisions that will need to be done. The Board recommended that Jeff Scanlan, Director of Health Service Professions, work with Mark Hale, DHFS, regarding the 3,000 hour third party payment issue. Mr. Scanlan will contact Chair Schwallie once he has this portion re-written to do a final review for accuracy and approval. The Board took the following action.

MOTION: Ada Williams-Parr moved, seconded by Eric Alvin, to place the finalized regulatory digest on the DRL Website with the amendments to the 3000 hours third party payment section. Motion carried unanimously.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Board members received a copy of the letter from Linda Schwallie sent on behalf of the MPSW Joint Examining Board to the Joint Committee on Finance regarding the attorney consolidation.

REPORT OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS SECTION

Bruce Kuehl, MFT Section, reported that the Section met on August 1, 2005. At this meeting, the Section created their 2005 Vision for the MFT Section. The Section revised the MFT application

forms and these will be finalized and printed. The Section made some proposed language changes to continuing education requirements and the training certificate. The MFT Section recommends that we come together as a unified Board to find a sponsor for the proposed legislation regarding the training certificate due the legislative session timelines. They suggested contacting other professional associations such as WAMFT, WCA, NASW, and ASWB as possible sponsors to this legislation; which could assist in getting this through the process before this legislative session ends.

REPORT OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS SECTION

Susan Putra reported that the PC Section is scheduled to meet the afternoon of August 2, 2005. They will be addressing several topics such as revisions to the training certificate, looking at the supervision piece, exploring the three credit course requirements for CACREP, School Programs/Course approvals, and dealing with questions surrounding foreign degree students.

REPORT OF SOCIAL WORKERS SECTION

Mary Jo Walsh reported that the SW Section would be meeting on August 3, 2005. The Section has legislation moving forward in the rulemaking process regarding the 400 hours requirement for the training certificate and the forty percent rule is in the last stages. The topic of CE requirements will be discussed and the Section has received correspondence regarding "Technology of Social Work over the Internet". NASW and the National Education Group are taking the lead on what type of guidelines to address regarding online counseling. The SW Section is interested in updates from these associations regarding this issue.

REVIEW OF INQUIRIES RECEIVED BY LEGAL COUNSEL

There was correspondence sent by Marc Herstand, NASW, to the Social Work Section, Jeff Scanlan, Director of Health Service Professions, and Jacquelynn Rothstein, Legal Counsel. In this letter there was information regarding items passed in the state budget that will effect the credentialing renewal biennium. This would move up the certification by four months and the question raised in Mr. Herstand's memorandum was how the Department is planning on handling this change and whether licensure fees and continuing education requirements will be pro-rated? Mr. Scanlan stated he believed that this would not cause either to be pro-rated. The Board requested this topic be placed on the next MPSW Joint Board agenda for further discussion.

Attorney Rothstein distributed a portion of Act 25 relating to the transferring of AODA certification to DRL. In this language, the Board noticed that there was an exception passed for clinical social workers which would not require them to get special AODA certification. The

Board asked how this occurred. This information was of a concern to the MFT and PC Sections and it was recommended that the SW Section coach their professional associations indicating to them that the MPSW Joint Board is working as a collaborative effort for all Sections. This topic will be further discussed at the next Joint Board meeting.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS

Noted.

OTHER BOARD BUSINESS

Arrangements for the annual MPSW Joint Board gathering to be held following the November 1, 2005 meeting. Susan Putra will be sending out an email to all Board members identifying the location and final details regarding this event.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Leslie Mirkin moved, seconded by LaMarr Franklin, to adjourn the meeting at 11:02 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.